Davis Campus Computer Purchase & Replacement Standard and Guidelines

Purpose

This standard and guidelines applies to all full-time and part-time employees of Davis Campus Administration and to the purchase of all computer-related equipment issued and/or maintained by Davis Campus.

Equipment Purchase for University Business

All purchases of computer equipment must be coordinated with and approved by the IT Support Specialist before approval from the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships and/or purchasing party. All machines and peripherals purchased using University funding are the property of the University. The machines and peripherals must be used only in a way that adheres to the PPM of the University.

The Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships will provide funding for the initial computer purchase at time of hiring. Future replacements and upgrades that follow the standard replacement cycle and meet requirements will have funding approved by the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships up to the price set in the standard configuration list. Any additional funding will need to be approved by the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships.

Computer Replacement Cycle

Full-time staff positions will be assigned one primary workstation. This station will be a desktop computer. With the possibility, pending the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships’s approval, for an additional laptop option. The machine assigned to the user will be the primary station and covered under the computer replacement cycle. All other machines assigned to a user must be upgraded(purchased) by Davis Campus Admin, or by other arrangements at the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships’s discretion.

All machines that meet the criteria to be replaced must be returned to the IT Specialist upon replacement. Users may not keep replaced machines unless approved by the IT Specialist and the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships. If a user is given approval to retain a machine after its replacement date, then the machine is no longer eligible for upgrades or replacement under standard procedures.
Full-time Staff
A minimum of a four (4) year cycle will be used for all machine upgrades. This date is calculated based on the date of first assignment, not the date of purchase.

Departmental Part-time Staff
Computers needed for departmental part-time staff will be purchased by Davis Campus Administration. This includes any part-time staff, student workers, or temporary users. These machines are not under the replacement responsibility of the administration and will not have regular update cycles.

Damaged or Inoperable Machines
Any machine that is damaged or inoperable before the four (4) year replacement cycle ends will be assessed by the IT Specialist. If the machine is inoperable or damaged due to user fault, then it will be the responsibility of the department to provide funding for the machine repair or replacement. If the machine is damaged or inoperable due to reasons beyond the fault of the primary user and it is not covered by the warranty, the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships will provide funding for the repair or replacement of the machine.

If a machine is repaired during the replacement cycle, the original replacement cycle remains at the time of first issue. Replacement cycles will not reset when changes are made to machines.

If a machine is replaced, a new replacement cycle will be initiated at the date of first assignment for the new machine.

Inherited Machines
Replacement personnel will inherit the machine from their predecessor unless another arrangement is approved by the IT Specialist or Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships. The machine will maintain the original upgrade cycle from the date of first assignment.

Standard Computer Configurations
The IT Specialist will maintain a list of machines that are approved for department purchase. This list will include multiple options for desktop and laptop machines. The cost of each machine on the list will be equal to or less than the approved per-machine cost from the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships.

Full-time staff will be given Windows configured machines unless justification can be made for an Apple machine to be issued. This must be approved by the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships. Any difference in cost will be covered by the overseeing department.
Peripheral Devices

Desktops
All issued desktop computers, purchased for full-time staff, will be issued with a CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse and required cables.

Laptops
All issued laptop computers, purchased for full-time staff, will be issued with a multiport adapter, keyboard, mouse, dock, monitor and required cables.

Extra Peripherals
All other peripheral devices will be purchased by the overseeing department. Peripheral devices include extra monitors, adapters, printers, speakers, etc. Requests may be made to the Associate Vice President for Regional Partnerships to provide funding for extra peripherals, and will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Off Campus and Mobile Devices
University owned, off-campus devices must follow the same policies as on-campus devices. Off-campus devices must be used in accordance with the PPM of the University.

Desktops
All University owned desktop computers for off-campus use must be approved by the IT Specialist and the funding party. An off-campus release form will be signed by the IT Specialist and the user to whom the device is issued. All University owned off-campus devices must be brought to campus and connected to the network or connected to the Weber State VPN at least once a month. Off-campus devices must stay in their original configuration, and internal components should not be replaced with personally purchased components.

Mobile Devices
All mobile devices will require a checkout form to be signed by the user to whom the device is issued. Mobile devices include iPads, Android tablets, and laptops. All University owned, off-campus devices must be brought to campus and connected to the network or connected to the Weber State VPN at least once a month.